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Community Forest Management Mission
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch any programme like Community Forest Management Mission (CFMM) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the extent to which the said Mission would help in ensuring forest conservation in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) to (d) No, Sir. There is no proposal to launch any programme like Community Forest Management Mission (CFMM) in the country. However, in accordance with the objectives of National Forest Policy, 1988, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change issued Guidelines in 1990 for involving the communities in forest management under the Joint Forest Management (JFM) approach. These Guidelines were subsequently modified in the year 2000 and 2002.

Under the JFM approach, State Forest Departments support local forest dwelling and forest fringe communities to protect and manage forests and share the costs and benefits from the forests with them. Communities organize themselves into a JFM Committee to protect and manage nearby forests as per the micro plans. These committees are known by different names in different States such as Van Suraksha Samiti (VSS), Eco Development Committee (EDC), Village Forest Committee (VFC), Joint Forest Management Committee (JFMC), etc. As of now, about 1,18,2013 such committees are working to manage around 22.94 m ha of forests in the country.

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